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REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-52 are pending in the application.

II. Election/Restrictions

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following three groups:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 20-24, drawn to select a log deleting management database from a menu; inputting a password; displaying types of the log deleting management database if the input password is correct; and recording at least one of a new telephone number, a method of dialing the new telephone number, and a method of recording the new telephone number when the new telephone number record is selected from the log deleting management database, classified in class 455, subclass 410.
- II. Claims 6-10, 14-16, 25-29 and 33-35, drawn to determine whether a telephone number received with a voice call is stored in a phonebook; displaying said received telephone number on a display section of said mobile telephone; detecting telephone numbers stored in a log deleting management database; determining whether said received telephone number is included in the telephone numbers stored in the log deleting management database; recording said received telephone number in a recently received number list and then performing a communication function, if the received telephone number is not present in the log deleting management database; searching for a method of recording said number, if said number is present in the log deleting management database; recording said number in a secret received number list; and performing a communication function, if the method of recording said

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number is for recording in the secret received number list, classified in class 455, subclass 412.1.

- III. Claims 11-13, 17-19, 30-32, 36-38, 39-45 and 46-52, drawn to input a telephone number; pressing a "send" key on the mobile phone; displaying said input telephone number on a display section of said mobile phone; detecting telephone numbers stored in a log deleting management database; determining whether said input telephone number is included in the telephone numbers stored in the log deleting management database; recording said input telephone number, if said input telephone number is not present in the log deleting management database, in a recently dialed number list; performing a dialing function; searching for a method of dialing said number, if said input telephone number is present in the log deleting management database; and performing a dialing function while concealing said input telephone number and a caller's name, if the method of dialing said number is caller concealment, classified in class 455, subclass 415.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Restriction Requirement and traverse for the following reasons:

The Examiner alleges that Groups I, II, and III are unrelated.

Applicants respectfully submit that regardless of different classifications of search alleged by the Examiner, there is a significant degree of common subject matter in the Groups identified by the Examiner. For example, Group I is directed to selecting and displaying a log deleting management database from a menu of the mobile phone, determining whether a telephone number stored in the log deleting management database should be recorded in a secret received number list and recording a new telephone number from the log deleting management database. Group II is directed to displaying a log deleting management database from a menu of the mobile phone, determining whether a received telephone number is included in the stored numbers in

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the log deleting management database, and recoding the number in a secret received number list. Group III is directed to displaying a log deleting management database from a menu of the mobile phone, determining whether an input telephone number is included in the stored numbers in the log deleting management database, and recoding the input number in a recently dialed number list. Applicants submit that inventions as claimed are independent if there is no disclosed relationship between the inventions, that is, there are unconnected in design, operation, and effect. *See* M.P.E.P. § 806.6. However, the claims in the invention are related and share similarities in design, operation and effect.

Applicants also respectfully submit that the examination of all the claims does not impose a serious burden. Claims 1-52 relate to methods for automatically deleting logged calls and messages in a mobile phone. Moreover, the claims relate to detecting and selecting a log deleting management database from a menu in the mobile phone.

Since Groups I, II, and III are similar and recite common inventive features, the Applicants believe that it will not be a serious burden on the Examiner to search and examine all of the claims. "If the search and examination of all claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinction inventions." *See* M.P.E.P. § 803.

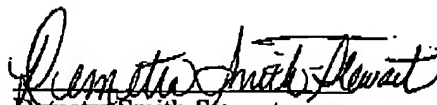
Should the Examiner disagree with the above arguments, Applicants provisionally elect Group III, claims 11-13, 17-19, 30-32, and 36-52, for further prosecution in this application.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is believed that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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